



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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July 25, 2005

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

Grant Application - Propositions 50, 40 and 12 Funds West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Project

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for park improvements at the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Project. The MRCA requests a grant in the sum of \$834,285 million from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, Proposition 50, specifically Water Code Section 79570(c), in compliance with Section 79508; and the sum of \$338,317 from The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, Proposition 40; and the sum of \$427,398 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, Proposition 12 for a total of \$1,600,000.

The proposed grant would fund planning, design, and construction of park improvements including native landscaping, stream restoration, trails, parking, restroom, ranger residence and interpretive elements. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Stephanie Landregan, the project manager, at 323-221-9944, extension 184.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Berger'.

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Project		Amount of Request: \$ 1,600,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 1,600,000	
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		Amount of Match: \$ 0 Source of Match: n/a	
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065		Project Address: 21000 W. Mulholland	
		County	Senate District
		Los Angeles	23
		Assembly District 41	
Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934		Email: Stephanie.Landregan@mrca.ca.gov	
Grantee's Authorized Representative:			
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:			
Stephanie Landregan, Chief of Landscape Architecture		323-221-9944, x184	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Planning, design, and construction of park improvements at the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Project, including native landscaping, stream restoration, trails, parking, composting restroom, ranger residence, solar amenities and interpretive elements.			
Funding Source Applied for: \$834,285 Proposition 50 / \$338,317 Proposition 40 / \$427,398 Proposition 12			
Narrative/Project Description: <p>The proposed project will improve public facilities at the West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Project. Park features will include native tree, shrub, and groundcover landscaping, state-of-the-art permeable and semi-permeable surfaces, the creation of a stream and bioswale within the existing fill soil and reintroduction of riparian plants, solar irrigation system, hiking trails, a 70-car parking lot, picnic benches and shelters, interpretive kiosks, composting restroom facilities, a state-of-the-art, low impact ranger residence (approx. 1400 sq. ft.) and interpretive facility (1000 sq. ft.), and an outdoor classroom.</p> <p>The West Mulholland Watershed Demonstration Project is located in the City of Los Angeles, along the dirt portion of Mulholland Drive in the Santa Monica Mountains approximately 0.75 miles east of Topanga Canyon Boulevard. The property abuts Mulholland Drive on the northwest, with hillside residential neighborhoods extending in that direction from this point. Open space or parkland surrounds the park in all other directions, connecting to Summit Valley/Ed Edelman Park, Topanga State Park, and Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. The current land use is vacant.</p> <p>The project site was graded for development in the 1960s via the importation of fill soil. The park development site is nestled at the bottom of natural bowl, and from the upper hills are scenic vistas to the north. The approximately 1.75 acre fill pad supports mostly weedy annual species, and is not</p>			

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visible from Mulholland Drive because of an on-site detention basin and berm. The site is located within the Mulholland Scenic Parkway viewshed.

The proposed project will utilize an irrigation system run by a solar pump and timer. The proposed ranger residence, outdoor classroom, composting restrooms, parking, interpretive center, and interpretive kiosks all feature state-of-the-art, low-impact sustainable designs to blend in with the natural character of the site, and will be augmented with native trees and landscaping.

This application includes a budget divided into the two primary tasks, Planning and Construction. However, the MRCA requests that the budgets between tasks be flexible, so long as the total expenses do not exceed the grant amount.

Tasks / Milestones:

- 1 Planning and Design
- 2 Construction

Budget:

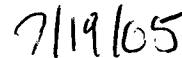
\$ 285,714
\$ 1,342,857

Acquisition Projects: **APN(s):** n/a
 Acreage: n/a

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.



Signature of Authorized Representative



Date

Form SMM-001